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IN THE MATTER OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/771,240

EXAMINER: IP, SIKYIN

FILED: January 26, 2001

FOR: LEAD-FREE HIGH TIN TERNARY SOLDER ALLOY OF TIN, SILVER AND

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

This is in response to the outstanding official action dated December 4, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the official action until April 4, 2003. All necessary fees in connection with this matter should be deducted from applicant's (International Business Machines Corp.) Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 for claims 9, 10, 13 and 01 FC:12E1 14 of record. A copy of claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 as amended and a copy of claims 9, 10, 13 and 14 showing the amendments is attached hereto.

Kindly cancel claim 8.